

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now pending, wherein Claim 4 is amended and Claims 17-20 are added.

The Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 sets forth an election of species requirement, requiring election of one of species A, shown in Figures 2 and 2A-2C, species B, shown in Figures 3A-3C and Species C, shown in Figures 4A-4C.

By the above amendment, Applicant has amended original Claim 4 in order to correct an inadvertent error. As a result of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4, 8-13 and new Claim 20 are generic to all of the species identified in the Office Action. Applicant elects Species A, shown in Figures 2 and 2A-2C, for prosecution on the merits. Applicant respectfully submits that original Claims 1-14, and new Claims 17 and 20 all read on Species A. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prosecution on the merits for Claims 1-14, 17 and 20. Applicant further submits that upon the allowance of any of the generic Claims 1-4, 8-13 and 20, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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